

NONTIDAL — Removal of Jones Falls Special Management Area

What is being considered?

The department is considering the removal of Jones Falls from the Youth, Senior, and Blind Fishing Areas list.

Why is this change necessary?

There is no public access to Jones Falls in the area listed in the regulation. The land is privately owned, and most landowners do not allow access. Having this area listed in regulation creates the false impression that there is a publicly accessible fishing area at this location. This regulation was implemented more than 30 years ago and has outlived its usefulness.

Who will this affect?

Recreational anglers

When will this be effective?

The department expects this change to be effective in the spring of 2023. The department will follow our normal scoping and proposal procedures.

Has this change been discussed with advisory commissions?

The change was discussed at the July 2022 meetings of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission. Both commissions recommended moving forward with scoping.